CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Marys of the Bible.

Among Judea's vine-clad hills
In olden time once dwelt
The mother of our blessed Lord;
No tongue can tell the joy she felt:
Her name was Mary.—Luke 1. 30-31.

In Bethany two sisters lived
Who with the Savior loved to meet;
But one especially desired
To sit with reverence at his feet:
Her name was Mary.—Luke 10. 39.

When on the cross the Savior hung.
Among the mourners gathered there
The wife of Cleophas was one
Who raised to Heaven an earnest prayer:
Her name was Mary.—John 19. 25.

When on the third—the appointed day—
The Savior from the tomb went free,
One who was last beside the cross
Was first our risen Lord to see:
Her name was Mary.—Mark 16. 9.

When up to heaven our Lord had gone,
And men went forth to "preach the word."
Among the "helpers" of this work
Was one who labored in the Lord:
Her name was Mary.—Rom. 16. 6

When Peter from the prison went—
Delivered by an angel's hand—
The house of one he quickly sought
Who entertained a praying band:
Her name was Mary.—Acts 12. 12.

And when our Lord in glory comes
As King of kings and Judge of men,
I know of one who hopes to stand
Among those holy women then:
Her name is Mary.

—MESSIAH'S HERALD.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I like to read the letters from the little boys and girls. I am nine years old. Pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. I have three sisters and two brothers. I don't go to school now, our school is out. I got the prize in my class. My studies were Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, and Writing. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I like to go very much. I have a nice time. My teacher's name is Mr. Joshua Conn. I will answer one of John D. Black's questions. How many souls were saved to go into the ark? Eight souls were saved. I will ask a question. How long was Noah building the ark? I will close hoping my first letter won't find its way to the waste basket. I may write again.

ELIZABETH H. DANCER.

Tunnelton, W. Va.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would write another letter for our column. I attend the Christian and Baptist Sunday school. I attend the Band of Hope also. Last Saturday we got our ribbons, red, white and blue. I will tell you what I have learned in the Band of Hope. The people of the United States spent over $700,000,000. in the year of 1880 for drink. Just think this would give every person in the poor houses $200 a piece. Then again to make this liquor it took more than $40,000,000 worth of grain besides much other food which would of fed all the paupers of this country. It took to make and sell it over 500,000 men which could have been at work building nice homes. The time lost by drunkards and tipplers through drink, it is estimated would amount to nearly $200,000,000. There are in the Insane Asylums of the U. S. 25,000 insane persons beside many others who are likewise taken care of. In 1838 Father Mathew the patron saint of Ireland got more than 250,000 people to sign the pledge. The secretary of Ireland says that 3 years the sale of liquors fell over 5,000,000 gallons, and the number of arrests for crime from 12,000 to 173. In my next I will give tobacco a send off. I will close by asking a question. How did Peter get tribute money to pay for him and the Savior?

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: It has been a long time since I wrote to you, so I thought I would write again. I will send ten cents to the M. and E. Fund. I would like to write oftener and send more money, but our church is burned down and we are all trying to raise money to build another one. Uncle Adam Longaker gave me twenty cents and I am going to send half of it to you.

I read the temperance story written by Angie B. Summers, and I found out who the four little boys were. Their names were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. Their history is found in the book of Daniel. The wicked king's name was Nebuchadnazzar. After Jehoiahim had been king of Judah three years, Nebuchadnezzar went to Judah and captured the city of Jerusalem, and carried many people away to Babylon where he lived. The four boys would not drink any of the king's wine, but they organized a Band of Hope and had meetings. Daniel was their leader. One time Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him very much. He sent for some of the boys to tell him what it meant No one could tell him anything about it except Daniel. Because he would not drink any thing but water, God gave him the power to interpret dreams.

"Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon." Nebuchadnezzar saw the power God had, and one day when he was walking in his palace, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "The kingdom is departed from thee; and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field." At the same hour the king was driven into the field where the dew fell on him until his hair was like eagle's feathers, and his nails like bird's claws. We have no Band of Hope here now, but I am a temperance girl just the same.

FANNIE EMERSON.

Plymouth, Ind.

A Beer-Shop Education.

One cold morning in February, 1885, a young man aged about twenty-five was found lying in the snow on Pike St., in Biddeford, Me. Men saw him, and went to his aid. Before they reached him he struggled to get up, and fell over on his face. A glance showed that he was intoxicated, and frozen almost to death. His countenance wore a ghastly stare, his hands were white and stiff, and he died in twenty minutes, without speaking or noticing any one.

He had been drinking with another man the night before, and went with him to his house. There they drank and were noisy, and the wife of the man, fearing trouble and seeking to put an end to the confusion, sent him away to his boarding place. Before starting he drank a glass of liquor, and the next morning was found frozen to death. The papers said that from a boy he had sustained anything but a respectable reputation, though he had as good a disposition when sober as is often seen. He was the adopted son of a man who kept a confectionery store.

A friend writes: "I knew his father well. He *kept beer to sell.* I had to pass his place four times a day, going and returning from my work. The boy seemed a bright little fellow, but his father died about two years ago, and left him with *the education of a beer shop.* The result was, he was frozen to death, dying drunk and alone, with no one to help him in time of need."

A beer shop is a bad place to educate a boy; a beer shop is a bad place for a man; and the less we have to do with the beer shop, or the beer, or the men who sell beer, or who drink the beer, the better for us.

Sun on the North Side.

We went, one cold, windy day last spring, to see a poor young girl, kept at home by a lame hip. The room was on the north side of a bleak house. It was not a pleasant prospect without, nor was there much that was pleasant or cheerful within.

"Poor girl! what a cheerless life she has of it," I thought, as we went to see how she was situated; what a pity it was that her room was on the north side of the house.

"You never have any sun," I said; "not a ray comes in at these windows. That I call a misfortune. Sunshine is everything. I love the sun."

"Oh," she answered, with the sweetest smile I ever saw, "*my* sun pours in at every window, and even through the cracks."

I am sure I looked surprised.

"The Sun of Righteousness," she said softly—"Jesus. He shines in here, and makes everything bright to me."

I could not doubt her. She looked happier than any one I had seen for many a day.

Yes, Jesus shining in at the windows can make any spot beautiful, and every home happy.—GUIDE TO HOLINESS.

Postscript to a Prayer.

On the banks of the Illinois river lived little Emma K., with her widowed mother and two brothers, Alfred and Albert. In the course of time Alfred, who was lame, came to New England to learn a trade, leaving only three at home. Every evening, before retiring to rest, would this little girl kneel down and repeat her prayer, in which she ever remembered her absent brother, and asked God to watch over him also. One morning after breakfast she suddenly left her play, and came to her mother with this question: "Mother, would it be wrong to add a postscript to a prayer?"

"Why, Emma dear; what makes you ask such a question?"

"Because, mother, in my prayer this morning I forgot to pray for Alfred."

"Then, my child, it will be perfectly proper to do so;" and off the little girl ran to add her postscript to her prayer, for her brother.—WORDS OF FAITH.

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